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*South Vietnam: The Saigon regime is continuing its all-out effort to rehabilitate its image and present a picture of national unity.

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[redacted] the "spontaneous" mass rally held in Saigon today was carefully planned to show broad popular support for the government and the armed forces. The base for the demonstrations was provided by various government-sponsored organizations such as the Republican Youth Movement, with civil servants being turned out en masse to participate. Smaller-scale progovernment rallies are also being staged in major towns throughout the country.

General Ton That Dinh, the military governor of Saigon, has publicly denied the existence of dissension within the armed forces. This is a follow-up to the recent statement of the Joint General Staff accepting full responsibility for the martial law.

The regime is also publicizing the release--after screening--of the majority of the recently arrested students and Buddhists. The Saigon radio has reported that a delegation from the newly formed "True Committee for Defense of Buddhism" met with President Diem and conveyed gratitude for his policy of conciliation.

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[redacted] all troops of the Vietnamese 9th Division stationed in that area have been given oral orders not to listen to VOA or BBC broadcasts.

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*Jordan-USSR: [King Husayn may soon seek Soviet aid.]

[The King denied that he had any present intention of taking this step when he informed the US chargé last week that Jordan and the USSR were establishing relations. However, his concern over the government's financial problems now appears to be sharper than usual and some of his advisers favor the move.]

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[Husayn may hope that the prospect of an appeal to Moscow would induce the US to increase its budgetary support for Jordan. The US now provides \$35 million annually for this purpose, but Jordan's army and public security commitments will almost wipe out its available reserves during the present fiscal year.]

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[The USSR is unlikely to offer Jordan budgetary aid, but may offer development credits and technical assistance.]

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Bolivia: (New Communist Party efforts to extend sympathy strikes may cause more unrest, despite the tin miners' agreement on 28 August to suspend their strikes.)

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the Communist Party has decided to try to breathe new life into the sympathy strike movement. This decision was taken in reaction to the government's arrests on 29 August of four Communist labor leaders and police raids on the homes of several party officials.)

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(If the Communists are successful in getting other unions to continue striking in support of the miners' cause, leaders of the miners' union may find it more difficult to get their followers to adhere to the agreement to suspend the strikes at the mines.)

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Brazil-USSR: On 20 August, a group of Brazilians left Rio de Janeiro by air for Moscow, possibly to receive guerrilla warfare training. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the Brazilian Communist Party (PCB) had decided to send 30 members to the USSR for such training. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the PCB is looking over several localities in Brazil to determine their suitability for guerrilla operations in connection with a program of rural agitation it plans to start early in 1964. [REDACTED]

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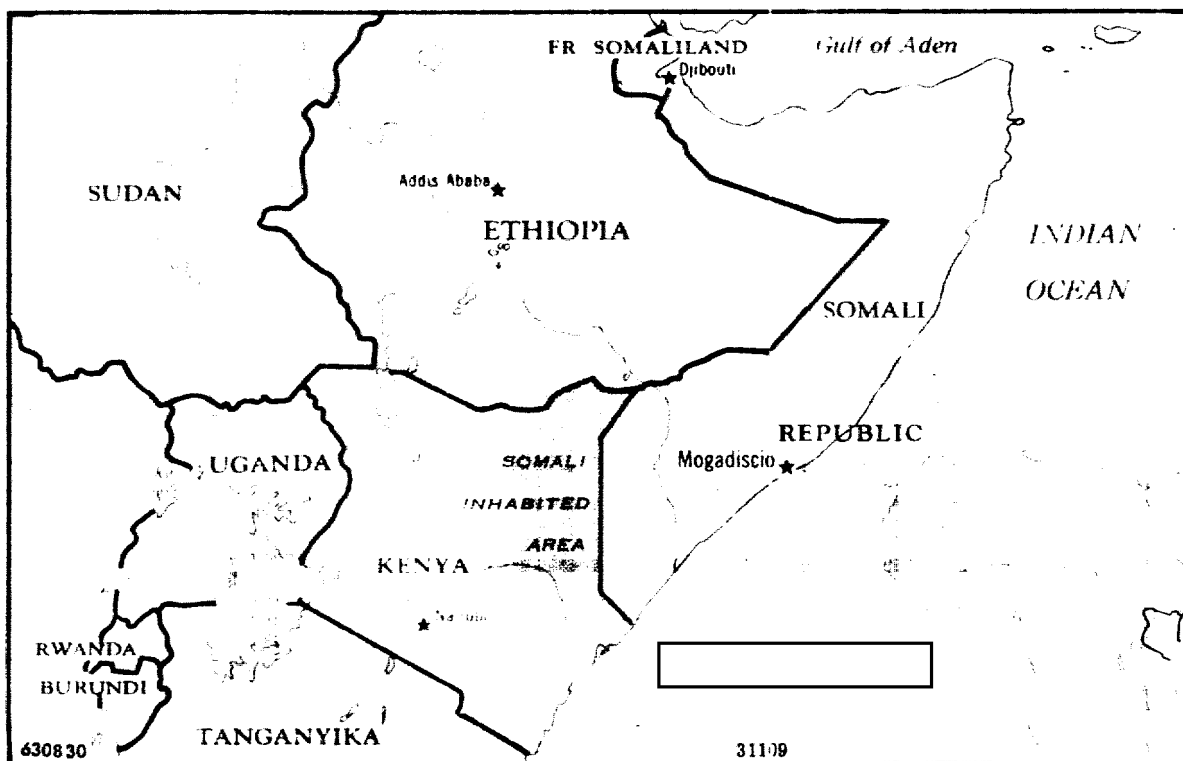
Yugoslavia-USSR: Tito and Khrushchev apparently have made substantial progress in resolving their outstanding differences during the Soviet leader's current visit. In speeches on 30 August, they revived their joint declaration of June 1956, which re-established party relations and declared the two parties equals. Moreover, Tito said that the rapid expansion of economic relations now taking place "should compensate for what has been omitted in the past." [REDACTED]

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Kenya - Somali Republic: The latest effort, through talks in Rome, to resolve the dispute between Kenya and the Somali Republic over control of Kenya's North-eastern Region has failed. Britain insisted on leaving the problem to the Africans, while Kenya would not accept the Somali demand that the region be administered jointly or by the UN pending further negotiations. The Somali police chief had earlier warned a British official that his government would encourage revolt in northern Kenya if the talks failed.

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